

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Previously Presented) A toothbrush with highly tapered bristles having superior flexibility, wherein each of said bristles is made of polyethylene terephthalate or polybutylene terephthalate, and tapered starting at a position of 3.5mm or less from an end thereof, with a tapered end having a diameter of 0.02mm or less.

2. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein the tapered end of each of the bristles is 0.01mm or less in diameter.

3. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein each of the bristles is tapered stating at a position of 3.0mm or less from the end of the bristle.

4. (Canceled)